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Carrington leaves for Israel

LONDON (R) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington left on Tuesday for a three-day visit to Israel amid growing Arab unrest on the Israeli-occupied West Bank. British sources said Lord Carrington would visit Arab East Jerusalem on Thursday to call on the British consul but had no plans to meet Arab leaders. But the sources added that Sir John Leary, deputy Foreign Office under-secretary, who will accompany Lord Carrington, planned to meet some West Bank spokesmen. The timing of the visit has upset some Arabs and a British official said on Tuesday Britain has resisted a number of representations to call it off. On Monday night it rejected one such request from Arab ambassadors in London.

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Saudis increase aid to UNRWA

AMMAN (Petra) — The Saudi Arabian government has decided to make an extraordinary contribution of \$5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) for 1982, a statement by the Saudi embassy in Amman said on Tuesday.

E. German official due here today

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Foreign Minister of the German Democratic Republic Klaus Wierling will arrive in Amman on Wednesday for a three-day visit to Jordan during which he will discuss with Jordanian officials issues of interest to the area and ways of strengthening cooperation between Jordan and the German Democratic Republic. Dr. Klaus Wierling will be accompanied on the visit by several officials of his foreign ministry.

No accord yet on church reconciliation

VATICAN CITY (R) — The Roman Catholic and Anglican churches have taken a significant step towards reconciliation but no substantial agreement has yet been reached, the Vatican stated on Tuesday. The Vatican said dialogue between the two churches should continue, building on results obtained so far and taking in more of the questions which still divide them. Earlier Tuesday, an Anglican-Roman Catholic international commission said the two churches should work towards a closer relationship after four centuries of separation. In its final report, the commission said the Pope has the best historical claim to head any reunited church. But it acknowledged that Anglicans find the Catholic doctrine of papal infallibility unacceptable in its present form.

Australian minister ends Israel visit

TEL AVIV (R) — Australian Foreign Minister Anthony Street said on Tuesday the latest unrest in the Israeli-occupied West Bank was not contributing to peace in the region. Speaking at a press conference at the end of his official visit here, Mr. Street said: "I can understand Israel's concern for its security." However, he added, "latest events in the West Bank are not contributing to an improvement in the relations between Israel and its Arab neighbours and a peaceful solution of the problem." Earlier Mr. Street had met the mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Freij. The Australian foreign minister is flying to Egypt on Wednesday. He will also visit Saudi Arabia and Jordan during his Middle East tour.

Western officials to go to Angola

LONDON (R) — Senior Western officials will travel to Angola and South Africa this week in a new effort to speed up the independence of Namibia (South West Africa), the British Foreign Office said on Tuesday. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker and France's top Africa expert, Jean Auzan, will meet with South African President P. W. Botha, president of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), in Luanda, the Angolan capital, probably on Thursday. Sir Leonard Allinson, Africa director at the British Foreign Office, will make a simultaneous visit to South Africa and hopes to meet Foreign Minister R.F. Botha, a spokesman said. Both visits are on behalf of a five-nation "contact group" which has been mediating an end to South African control of the former German colony.

Stevens ends visit to Saudi Arabia

BAHRAIN (R) — President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone left Saudi Arabia on Tuesday for home after a three-day state visit and talks on possible Saudi aid to his country, the Saudi Press Agency said. The West African leader, who conferred with the kingdom's leaders on Monday on bilateral relations, the Middle East and Afghanistan, had earlier visited Morocco and Jordan.

King arrives in Iraq for talks

BAGHDAD (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein arrived in Baghdad on Tuesday for a visit to Iraq during which he will have talks with President Saddam Hussein on developments of the situation in the Arab area and issues of joint interest. King Hussein was received upon arrival by President Saddam Hussein, Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Council Izzat Ibrahim, Vice-President Taha Muhi-uddin M'arouf, Secretary-General of the Revolutionary Council Tariq Hamad Al Abdullah, several Revolutionary Council members, ministers and the Jordanian ambassador in Baghdad.

King Hussein left Amman this morning at the head of an official delegation including Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khamash, and Commander-in-Chief of the

Armed Forces Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. King Hussein was seen off at Amman Airport by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Al Talhouni, President of the National Consultative Council (NCC) Ahmad Al Tarawneh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, the ministers, and senior civilian and military officials.

Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as Regent during the King's absence abroad, and a royal decree was issued appointing Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh as Acting Prime Minister. The Iraqi ambassador to Jordan left on the same plane. Later on Tuesday, the King and President Hussein opened talks on bilateral relations and the King renewed Jordan's total support for Iraq in its just war with Iran.

Ramadan says Baghdad willing to give up territory

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (A.P.) — A top Iraqi official was quoted Monday as saying Iraq was prepared to give up some of the territory it has seized from Iran as part of a negotiated settlement to the neighbouring countries' 18-month-old war. Taha Yassin Ramadan, first deputy premier and head of the Iraqi Popular Army, said his country was prepared to give up the land if Iran recognized Baghdad's "fundamental rights." Mr. Ramadan did not elaborate during his interview with the state-run Tanjuz news agency. Mr. Ramadan said Iraq was capable of waging war for an unlimited period but added that Baghdad would abandon parts of its gained territory "provided the fundamental rights of Iraq are secured and guaranteed."

100,000 Iranians killed in war, Rajavi says

AMMAN (Petra) — Iran has lost in its war with Iraq well over 100,000 people; some three million Iranians have fled the country; and the country has lost over \$150 billion in the war it has unleashed against Iraq, said the office of Masoud Rajavi, leader of the anti-Khomeini guerrilla group Mujahadeen-e-Khalq. In a message his office in Paris sent on Tuesday morning to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Rajavi said "the destruction which the Iranian people are currently suffering from is an inevitable result of the policy being followed by Khomeini and a number of his followers with the aim of con-

tinuously pre-occupying the Iranian people and army to cover up the crises and defeats being inflicted on Iran as a result of this mad policy."

"The Iranian people and army are equally looking forward to live in peace, amity and cooperation with all the area's peoples. However, Khomeini, and as the so-called president of his republic announced on Monday that they are seeking to establish a regime ruled by hardline mullahs, who are full of malice and hatred against those who reject their reactionary policy," Mr. Rajavi said in his message.

Britain reviewing security of disputed colony

LONDON (R) — Britain is reviewing the security of its Falkland Islands colony in the face of a "potentially dangerous" dispute with Argentina, Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington told parliament on Tuesday. But he refused to say whether the British government planned to send warships to confront five Argentine navy vessels and a submarine reported to be near the South Atlantic islands. "I prefer to say nothing in public about precautionary mea-

sures," Lord Carrington said. Lord Carrington flew home early from the European Economic Community (EEC) summit in Brussels to report on the dispute, which flared 10 days ago when a party of Argentine scrap merchants landed on remote South Georgia to dismantle a disused whaling station. He said that the party, landed by an Argentine naval transport, did not seek the required documentation and the 12 that remained were there illegally.

Space shuttle makes a perfect landing

WHITE SANDS, New Mexico (Agencies) — The space shuttle Columbia returned from its third flight in space on Tuesday making a perfect landing at this desert air strip. The winged aircraft glided onto a runway at the U.S. Army missile test range at White Sands at 9.04 a.m. (1604 GMT), one day behind its original schedule because of poor landing conditions on Monday.

The one-day extension of the planned week-long mission was necessitated by a vicious wind storm at the landing site. As part of its test flight programme, the Columbia was under control of its on-board computers until it came within 60 metres of the ground.

Then Marine Col. Jack Lousma, 46, took the controls for the actual landing, the Columbia's third in 11 months. He and U.S. Air Force Col. Gordon Fullerton, 45, had spent more time flying the Columbia than the craft had spent in space during its first two test flights.

The Columbia, which blasted off from the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral, Florida, on March 22, completed 129 orbits of the earth before it landed.

At the end of the final orbit Col. Lousma and

Col. Fullerton fired two rocket engines over western Australia, which slowed them down from their orbital speed of 28,000 kilometres per hour.

The delta-winged spaceplane then dropped back into the earth's atmosphere at an altitude of about 76,000 metres and began heating up from friction. The soaring temperature made its heat-absorbing tiles glow red hot and caused a communications blackout for about 15 minutes.

But as the Columbia neared the coast of California at 16 times the speed of sound, Col. Lousma radioed to the Johnson Space Centre in Houston: "This is really a beautiful flying machine."

A few thousand people returned to the White Sands missile range Tuesday for a second try to view the landing of Columbia.

The Tularosa, New Mexico, police Chief, Dave Phillips, estimated 500 vehicles were on hand when military police began allowing the public to drive into the top-secret base. White Sands spokeswoman Debbie Bingham said 1,400 vehicles had crossed into the range an hour before the scheduled landing.

On Monday, more than twice that many vehicles, and between 25,000 and 50,000 people, moved into the desert only to face blowing sand the disappointment of the postponed landing.

Widespread protests mark Land Day



Thousands participated in the rally held to mark Land Day in Amman on Tuesday (photo by Youssef Al Allan)

Jordan rallies to express solidarity

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tuesday said that Arabs must address the superpowers and remind them that "right is inseparable, particularly the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the establishment of their independent state on their national soil in complete freedom."

Prince Hassan said "self-determination in any part of the world is indivisible" and "we must ask the superpowers how they could demand the right of self-determination of the people of Afghanistan, Namibia, Zimbabwe and others and deny this right to the Palestinian people."

Addressing the popular rally organised by the municipal and village councils in Jordan at the Palace of Culture of the Hussein Youth City on the anniversary of Land Day to express solidarity with Palestinians in the occupied Arab territories and their popular uprising against the occupation authorities, Prince Hassan said: "The difference between the outlook of the Jordanian and other Arabs to the Palestinian tragedy is that Jordan has been associated, since the very beginning, with the mission of the Arab Nation and the defence of its land. This mission is one of constant search for whatever strengthens the ties of fraternity among the Arabs on this land, which is an obstacle to the Israeli expansionist ambitions coasting from the Palestinian state and ending in Holy Mecca and Medina."

Prince Hassan said Israel's main enemy is "Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation and Jordan's support of the Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organisation in the political struggle they are waging with various means against the forces of injustice and aggression."

Concluding his speech, Prince Hassan said "the Palestinians have inscribed the most remarkable pages of sacrifice to their land and proved their affiliation with it, and we are confident of the inevitability of victory."

Human right group demands intervention

PARIS (Petra) — The French League on Human Rights has demanded that a fact-finding mission be sent to the occupied West Bank under the supervision of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

In a statement issued on Monday, the league said the acts of violence carried out by the Israeli occupation authorities pose a new threat to peace in the Middle East.

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Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani opened the rally by a speech hailing the steadfastness of the kinsmen in the occupied areas and their resistance of the occupation forces.

Amman Mayor Isam Ajlouni, Salt Mayor Abdul Razzaq Al Nusur, Ramtha Mayor Mohammad Al Bashabsheh, head of the Soum village council Saleh Al Shunnaq, Hebron Mayor Fahd Al Qawasm, Ma'an Mayor Mohammad Kraishan, and Jerusalem Mayor Ruhi Al Khatib also made speeches hailing "the steadfastness of the kinsmen in the occupied territories and their resistance of Israel's inhuman measures which contravene all international laws."

At the end of the rally, the participants issued a statement asserting the significance of solidarity with the heads and members of the municipal and village councils in the occupied territories as well as the continuation of the struggle to foil the plots of the occupation authorities.

The statement called for Arab and Muslim initiatives to support the "blessed uprising in the occupied homeland."

The statement also appealed to international bodies and the international community to immediately intervene "to stop the Zionist occupation measures and practices against the kinsmen in the occupied territories and to condemn these repressive and barbaric measures."

The statement praised King Hussein's patriotic stands and his constant support of the residents of the occupied areas. It also praised "the wise policy of the Jordanian government in supporting the struggle of the inhabitants of the occupied territories and in foiling the Zionist designs to entrench the occupation."

Riyadh seeks pressure on Israel

RIYADH (A.P.) — Saudi Arabia launched a drive for international pressure on Israel Tuesday as the state radio warned the Arabs that further escalation of civil disturbances in Israeli-occupied territories would backfire against their own interests.

Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, foreign under-secretary for political affairs, met with all European ambassadors to the kingdom to communicate a request for "suitable attitudes and measures" by their governments against Israeli practices in the occupied territories.

Mr. Mansouri expressed to the ambassadors Saudi Arabia's "concern over the brutal repression of unarmed civilians, and the effects of the continuation of this on security and peace in the region," the Saudi Press Agency said.

Sources said a similar attitude was expressed to the U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia during meetings with high-ranking officials over the past two days.

In Tunis, Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi said the uprising on the West Bank could not only become general in Arab territories occupied by Israel, but could also continue for a long time, Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi said today.

PLO urges use of force

TUNIS (R) — A Palestinian leader said on Tuesday night that Arab territories occupied by Israel in 1967 could only be recovered by force. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Political Department, said that what had been taken by force could only be recovered by force. He was addressing a special Arab League meeting which opened in Tunis on Tuesday night to discuss ways of supporting the current wave of unrest in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. Mr. Kaddoumi said that "co-existence with Israel is a myth" and called for Arab military and financial support to the people's uprising in occupied Arab territories. The Tunis conference, which was expected to last only a few hours, was requested by the PLO last week.

like, Israeli soldiers forced a number of shops to open in the northern town of Jenin, the sources said.

Galilee protests

In the biggest Israeli Arab town, Nazareth, home of 50,000 people, and where Jesus spent his youth 2,000 years ago, the strike was fully observed by merchants but no violent clashes took place.

The wife of mayor Tufik Zayyad was held for two hours in police custody together with eight other Arabs accused of agitating for the strike.

"This provocation could have inflamed the situation but fortunately everything remained peaceful," Mayor Zayyad was reported as saying.

"Today's strike" was the best display of solidarity with our brothers in the West Bank," he said. "Israeli Arabs are a part of the state of Israel from the civil point of view but from a national point of view we are a part of the Palestinian people," he told Reuters.

Eyewitnesses said 2,500 Arabs staged a protest rally in the central Israeli village of Taibeh, where the strike was virtually total. Later police said 10 demonstrators were arrested for "throwing stones and inciting violence."

Some roads were blocked by burning tyres in Galilee, where demonstrators raised the Palestinian flag at the village of Bakka Al Garbiya.

Taibeh Mayor Abdul Latif Habib declared: "We are protesting the expropriation of land in Israel and actions of the government in the West Bank."

Deputy inspector, Yoram Niv, told the Associated Press by telephone that six policemen and five Palestinians were hurt in a violent protest in Jaljulya, 13 kilometres south of Taibeh.

Mr. Niv said 18 Arabs were arrested at Jaljulya, and 10 were taken into custody at nearby Kfar Qassem for blocking the road, burning tyres and throwing stones.

No outside direction

The leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Yasser Arafat, said on Monday he was not directing the present wave of protests in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Answering questions from reporters at an informal reception in Beirut, Mr. Arafat declared: "No, I am not directing it. Do not forget that in our Palestinian field we are dealing with democracy, and we have a great respect for the wisdom of our leadership inside our occupied territories."

But he added that there was strong cooperation and coordination between the Palestinians outside and inside our occupied territory.

PLO officials at the gathering parried Israeli accusations that the PLO had planned a campaign of civil disobedience to take place in the occupied territories in May.

They said there were frequently demonstrations in the occupied territories around May 14, the anniversary of the proclamation of the state of Israel in 1948.

Government sources in Israel claimed Israel's crackdown on PLO sympathisers in the West Bank had been prompted by evidence of the PLO plans.

Strike in Lebanon

In Beirut on Tuesday, shops, schools and offices in West Beirut and other parts of Lebanon were closed in response to a Palestinian-Lebanese leftist call for a general strike to mark Land Day.

Most shops and offices observed the strike call in West Beirut, though government offices were open.

In Palestinian areas of Lebanon youngsters put tyres on main roads, a traditional form of protest.

Marches were planned for Tuesday afternoon in south Beirut and PLO leader Yasser Arafat was expected to address rallies.

Lebanese newspaper took the anniversary as the theme of their editorials, saying the day had a special significance as a result of Israel's dismissal of the Arab mayors in the West Bank and the subsequent tension in the occupied lands.

The independent newspaper Al Liwa said the day had "new dimensions since the people of the occupied territory are entering the most noble of battles, facing enemy armour bare-chested and with only their faith to protect them."

EEC, affirming commitment to human rights, denounces Israeli repression

BRUSSELS (R) — European Economic Community (EEC) leaders Tuesday denounced Israel's violations of the freedoms and rights of Palestinians living in the occupied territories and called for an urgent end to violence and repression there.

In a foreign policy declaration issued at the end of a two-day summit in Brussels, they said Israeli actions in recent weeks, including the effective annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights, could only damage prospects for peace in the Middle East.

The declaration also said repression in Poland, for which it argued the Soviet Union bore a clear responsibility, remained a point of strain in East-West relations with grave consequences for security and cooperation in Europe.

The West European leaders called on the Polish authorities to end with the minimum delay the state of martial law, release those arrested and renew a genuine dialogue with the Catholic Church and the suspended Solidarity trade union.

The 10 EEC leaders said that with the Soviet military occupation of Afghanistan in its third year, "repression of the civilian population continues without respite, and every day adds to the total of refugees." Those refugees now numbered some three million or one in five of the population, they added.

On Central America, the declaration said the community welcomed any initiative likely to end violence and lead to peace through dialogue and respect for democratic norms and human rights as well as national sovereignty.

President Francois Mitterrand of France, an open critic of U.S. policies in the area, told a news

conference at the end of the summit that the holding of the elections in El Salvador at the present time "puts the value of their outcome in doubt."

The community at present has nearly 11 million unemployed and the EEC Commission has forecast a further rise to possibly 12 million by the end of this year.

In their final communique, the EEC leaders said they had agreed that more money needed to be spent on improving European industry, both by governments and by private enterprise.

As in the past, the EEC leaders stressed what they saw as a need to reduce inflation and to hold down industrial costs.

The U.S. has argued that turmoil in Central America stems largely from meddling by the Soviet Union and Cuba with the aid of Nicaragua, but the EEC declaration said it arose frequently "from grave economic problems and social inequalities."

As a contribution to helping the area overcome these difficulties, the declaration added, the 10 leaders had agreed that their countries' aid should be coordinated "and increased within the limits of their possibilities."

The document also recorded that Turkey's military rulers had told Leo Tindemans, Belgian foreign minister and current president of the EEC's Council of Ministers, that they would return their country to democracy within two years at most.

It also noted pledges to Mr. Tindemans during a recent visit to Ankara that a referendum on a democratic constitution for Turkey would be held in November this year with general elections in Autumn 1983 or spring 1984 at the latest.

But the final version of the dec-

laration omitted a paragraph included in an earlier draft stating that the leaders of the EEC, which Turkey eventually hopes to join, expected the Ankara authorities would implement their assurances in the near future.

Middle East concern

On the Middle East, the document said the leaders were "deeply concerned by the grave events taking place on the West Bank" and "appealed urgently for an end to the dangerous cycle of violence and repression."

Diplomatic sources said France, which recently angered some Arab states when President Mitterrand visited Israel, had urged tough wording on the Middle East and the declaration followed closely the lines of recent French statements on the issue.

The EEC leaders, it said, "particularly denounced measures imposed on the Palestinian population such as the dismissal of democratically-elected mayors by the Israeli authorities."

The declaration also said the 10 reaffirmed their desire to contribute to the achievement of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. But it proposed no solutions, apparently in line with a French refusal to agree to any new European initiative.

On relations with the United States, the EEC leaders said they were ready for a further development of consultations between Europeans and Americans. But diplomats said proposals for more formal links had been rejected.

NATIONAL

U.K. seminar reviews state of arts in Islam

LONDON — A three-day seminar on The Arts in Islamic Lands organised by the Islamic Arts Foundation, London, took place at the centre for international briefing at Farnham Castle from March 26-28. It was attended by more than 50 art historians, scholars and art administrators from the Islamic and the Western world, including Britain.

Jordanian Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al-Sharif, delivered the keynote address at the seminar, inaugurated on Friday by Islamic Council Secretary-General Salem Azzam, and presided over by Mr. Muazzam Ali, adviser to the president of Pakistan for Islamic affairs, and chairman of the Islamic Arts Foundation.

Participants also included Dr. Abdul Latif Kano and Mr. Ahmad Al Arafat from Bahrain, Dr. Ali

Michon from Morocco, Dr. Nemat Foad from Egypt, Mr. Bulmat Al Haidari from Iraq and Dr. Yousef Ibbish from Lebanon.

The chief aim of the seminar was to identify and evaluate existing art institutions, organisations and programmes in the Islamic World. It reviewed the work of various agencies in art education and promotion; the role of museums, and major activities and projects relating to architecture and archaeology, plastic and performing arts, folk expressions and industrial design.

There were factual reports about the present state of the arts, and papers on various aspects of the theory, definition and nature of Islamic art and aesthetic expression as reflected in Muslim thinking and attitudes over the centuries.

Exhibition marks Book Week

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian book exhibition opened in the Ruseifa secondary school for girls on Tuesday, on the occasion of National Book Week. Speakers at the opening ceremony spoke about the significance of pooling all the public and private efforts to improve Jordanian literature and to develop the habit of reading. The exhibition is part of the efforts being made by the National Libraries, Documentation and Archives Department to assert the significance of reading in developing thought and propagating literature. The ceremony was attended by the department's director general, Dr. Ahmad Sharkas, and Amman District Education Director Abdul Latif 'Arabiyyat.

3 special days for non-native Arabic students

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan's cultural and public relations department on Tuesday began a cultural programme for foreign students who are studying at the university as part of its Arabic-language course for non-native speakers. The three-day programme includes the showing of a documentary film on the university. The film traces the development of the university's various faculties and utilities, and the steps covered by the university in providing national institutions with qualified graduates in various specialisations.

The students Tuesday visited several university sections and the Jordan University Hospital. The foreign students will, in the next two days, tour several touristic and historic sites in Amman and Jerash.

German visitors visit agriculture faculty, ministry

AMMAN (Petra) — Agriculture Ministry Under-Secretary Salem Al Lawzi met on Tuesday morning with a delegation of West German agricultural engineers currently visiting Jordan.

Dr. Lawzi praised West German-Jordanian cooperation in agriculture. The West German technical assistance agency GTZ is participating in a soil conservation project in the King Talal Dam basin, and other agricultural projects.

University of Jordan Agriculture Faculty Dean Marwan Kamal also received the delegation members Tuesday. The West German engineers visited the Agriculture Faculty's farm in the Jordan Valley, where they were briefed on experiments conducted by faculty and students in vegetable and fruit-tree cultivation, as well as animal husbandry.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

JCO board meets Wednesday

AMMAN (Petra) — The board of directors of the Jordanian Cooperative Organisation (JCO) will hold its second session this year on Wednesday, under JCO Director General and Chairman Hassan Al Nabulsi. The board will discuss several loan applications submitted by cooperative societies.

Red Crescent president to Sofia

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordanian National Red Crescent Society President Ahmad Abu Qoura left Amman on Monday for Bulgaria, to attend the two-day meetings of the general assembly of the Bulgarian Red Cross Society which will begin in Sofia on Tuesday. He will also have talks with Bulgarian officials, dealing with cooperation between the two societies. Dr. Abu Qoura said he will then leave for Geneva to head the meeting of the Permanent Committee of the International Red Cross, which will be held there on April 16.

GulfAir officials to meet April 13

AMMAN (Petra) — The annual regional conference of Middle East representatives of GulfAir will begin in Amman on April 13. Participants in the two-day conference will discuss extending the schedules of the airline, owned jointly by several Gulf states, and developing its services. A new schedule will start operating between Amman and the Gulf states as of June 1. GulfAir will operate three flights between Amman and the Gulf states weekly.

Towns budget 1982 projects

IRBID (Petra) — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment has approved the 1982 budget of Hartha Municipality in Irbid Governorate, amounting to JD 219,000. JD 81,000 is allocated for school buildings, JD 20,000 for building a

commercial market, JD 82,000 to asphalt roads and the remaining sums for parks and drinking water supply. Meanwhile, Sakhr Municipality in Ajloun District has awarded a tender for the asphalt of 25,000 square metres of roads in the town, at a cost of JD 30,000. Work on the project will begin next month.

Jerash engineers do their 'schoolwork'

JERASH (Petra) — The Jerash District municipal engineering department last year built 62 rooms for schools in Jerash District villages, at a total cost of JD 80,000. The rooms can house 2,000 students of various classes. Also in 1981, the department did JD 50,000 worth of maintenance, playground and health unit construction for the district schools. The department is currently building a comprehensive secondary school in Jerash, at a cost of JD 260,000. The 30-room school, which will house 900 students, will be completed this year.

49 farm projects get loans

AMMAN (Petra) — The board of directors of the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) has approved loans to farmers totalling JD 432,090, to finance 49 projects. ACC Acting Director General Burhan Al Shraydeh said the projects include digging and equipping artesian wells, purchasing chicks and fodder, cultivating greenhouse vegetables, improving and reclaiming land and improving the productivity of irrigated land.

Greece starts Arabic broadcasts

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Greek national radio station has begun to broadcast a news summary in Arabic at 7:55 every morning on a medium wave of 411.5 metres (frequency of 729 kilohertz). In a cable to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jordan's ambassador to Greece said that this step has been adopted as part of Greece's drive to expand and strengthen relations with the Arab World.

OBITUARY

Mr. Edmund Y. Liu, director of the Far East Commercial Office, Amman, Jordan, sadly announces the passing away of his mother-in-law,

MRS. HU HUNG-PO
nee
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in Taiwan, ROC, at the age of 79. Mrs. Liu's address in Taiwan is:

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Satellite seminar's second session turns to 2 technical topics

AMMAN — A seminar on the Arab communications satellite and needed innovations in broadcasting production Tuesday looked at the satellite's implications for the study of Jordanian folklore, and discussed the use of radio and television resources.

In the morning session of the second day of the seminar, which is being held at the Amman Chamber of Industry, participants discussed a working paper on the Jordanian folk heritage, prepared by Dr. Hani Al'Amad. They also took up a paper on new horizons in radio and television programming, submitted by Radio Jordan Director General Nasouh Al Majali.

The first paper was read by Culture and Arts Department Director Haidar Mahmoud. It dealt with the department's role in studying Jordanian folklore. In a lengthy discussion on the paper's contents, participants affirmed the need for both people and government to pay more attention to the folk heritage. They recommended that the folklore section at the Culture and Arts Department be expanded and supplied with specialists and the necessary technical equipment.

The second paper affirmed that in early 1984, when the Arab satellite will be in orbit, the world will be achieving a new leap in communications technology. It said this would pose a challenge in terms of thought, planning, coordination and programming.

The paper called for new legislation to allow the free exchange

of programmes, as well as a review of the question of control and training for technical staff to absorb the technology. It also called for bilateral and regional agreements to facilitate the exchange of programmes, and reorganisation of programming departments. Cultural policies should be reviewed, and a deeper study made of national culture and its components, the paper said.

In order to prepare for the era of the Arab communications satellite, a study should be conducted on the local resources of radio and television, in order to utilise these resources in the best possible manner, the paper urged. It also called for an Arab programme coordination committee to guarantee good quality of production, to recruit creative staff and provide training opportunities.

The paper called for cooperation on the Arab level, to effect a comprehensive change in the quality of programmes and improve the production of creative writers. It also called for private sector participation in this process, and encouragement for local and Arab radio/television production centres.

The paper called for the exchange of programmes, joint production, concentration on local varieties, encouragement of contests and art festivals and production of Arabic children's programmes, as well as religious and cultural programmes dealing with the contemporary problems of the Arab World and the issues of development.



Crown Prince Hassan receives Turkish Trade Minister Kemal Canturk Tuesday (Petra photo)

Yarmouk dept. chairman back

IRBID (Petra) — Yarmouk University Journalism and Mass Communication Department Chairman Mazen Al Armouti returned to Jordan on Tuesday after participating in the two-week Salzburg international seminar on development, information and social change, which began on March 14.

Dr. Armouti said that officials and experts on information and economy from around the world participated in the seminar; and that the participants submitted working papers and delivered lectures on contemporary trends in

development and the role of information in the development process. The seminar also dealt with information and economic topics, he said.

Dr. Armouti submitted a working paper to the seminar on these topics.

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Joint team holds trade talks

Crown Prince receives Canturk

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, received on Tuesday morning Turkish Minister of Trade Kemal Canturk, who is currently visiting Jordan.

During the meeting, they discussed Jordanian-Turkish relations and the possibility of increasing economic cooperation between the two countries. Prince Hassan affirmed the significance of increasing cooperation between the two countries in various domains, so that each country can cope with the challenges of the age and the problems facing the Third World in particular. He referred in specific to problems of oil, food and finances.

The Crown Prince also called for a roundtable conference between Jordanian and Turkish officials and businessmen to discuss

the prospects of industrial and trade cooperation. The meeting was attended by Industry and Trade Minister Walid Asfour, and Turkish Ambassador in Amman Rashad Arem.

Jordanian and Turkish teams held a meeting at the Supply Ministry today under Supply Minister Ibrahim Ayyoub and Mr. Canturk. The guest minister briefed

the Jordanian side on Turkey's potential to supply the Jordan with the goods it needs. Agreement was reached to include these commodities in a protocol scheduled to be signed during the visit of Mr. Canturk. It was also agreed to exchange visits by trade teams to coordinate implementation of the agreement reached during the meeting.

UNRWA gets 150 tonnes of EEC milk

AMMAN (J.T.) — As part of the European Economic Community's contributions to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), a shipment of 150 tonnes of skimmed milk recently arrived at Aqaba Port for use in the agency's relief programme benefiting eligible registered refugees.

Today's weather

It will be fair with light and variable winds, becoming southeasterly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	7	21
Aqaba	13	27
Deserts	6	22
Jordan Valley	14	27

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 19, Aqaba 26. Humidity readings: Amman 24 per cent, Aqaba 15 per cent.

CORRECTION

On Sunday, March 29, the Jordan Times published an advertisement on page three for The Turkish-Jordanian Trade Centre.

We would like to clarify that the registered name of the institution is

**The TURKISH-JORDANIAN
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as was pointed out to us by the advertiser, who apologise for any inconvenience caused by this error.

The Jordan Times accepts no liability for the error.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

* Movement and Line, paintings by Mohanna Durra, at the American Centre from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

* The Spring Flowers of Jordan, composed of works of art created from pressed flowers by Mrs. Rita Ghul, at the British Council from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

* Twenty-five years of French Rock, at the French Cultural Centre.

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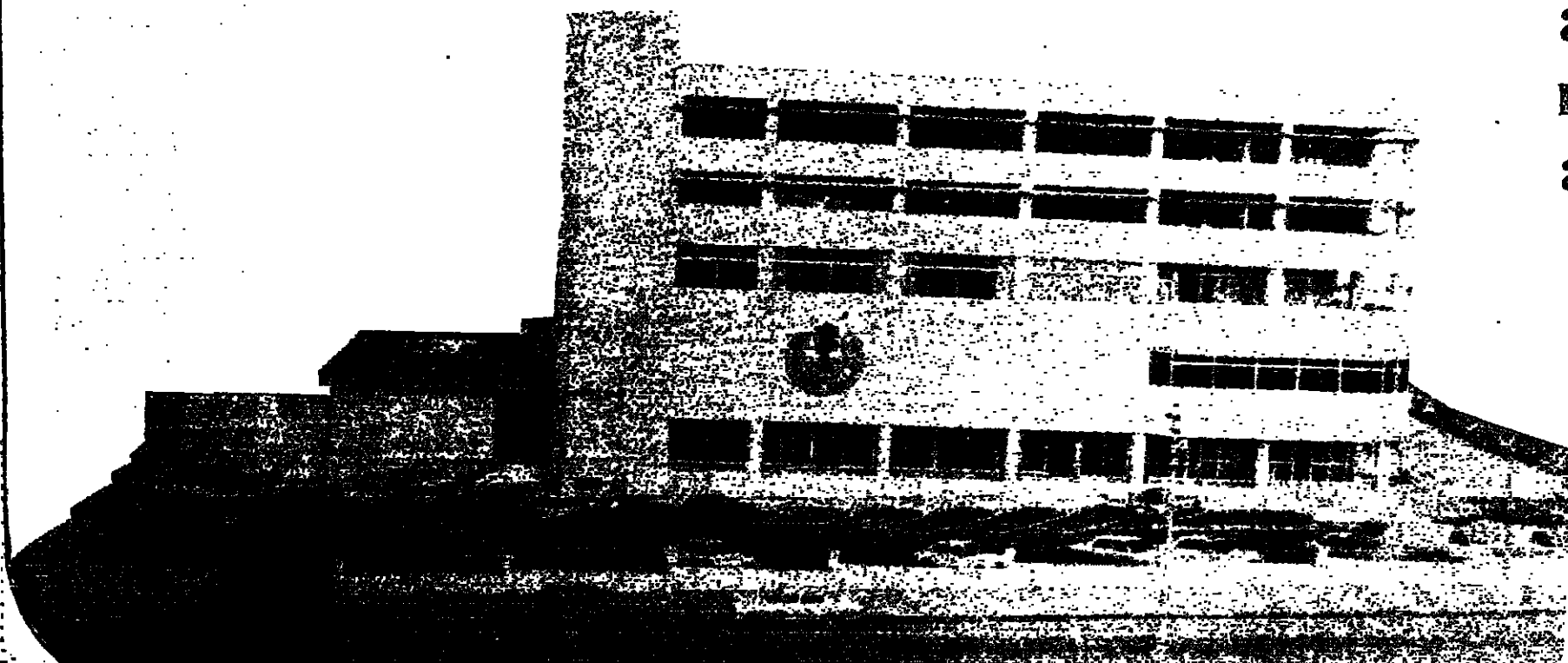
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Reach out, Al

WHAT does go in the mind of Alexander Haig? The man is a fountain of fantasies, to judge by his words, which, presumably, reflect his thoughts — though one can never be too sure with American politicians who tend always to be running for the Governorship of New York, the presidency of the United States or the Special Assistant to St. Peter, and therefore utter words that are only precariously related to events in the real world. A few days ago, Mr. Haig told a television interviewer: "I think you will recall there were some measures taken also by the government of Jordan which tended to trigger the events (in the West Bank and Gaza) that we are faced with today."

Mr. Haig's spokesman, Dean Fischer, later politely declined to cite examples of the Jordanian measures that Mr. Haig referred to. Presumably, Mr. Haig was talking about the recent Jordanian decision to try for treason any West Banker involved in the Israeli-sponsored village leagues. But Mr. Haig does not like to make a connection between the \$2.4 billion in American aid to Israel and the money that Israel is spending to try and buy a fake leadership of traitors and treason peddlers among West Bank villagers. Mr. Haig, like the Israelis, refuses to accept the reality of an indigenous Palestinian uprising against the American-financed Israeli occupation that has lasted for nearly 15 years. Mr. Haig, like the Israelis, insists on finding, or making up, exogenous reasons to explain away the continuing resistance of the Palestinians. Mr. Haig, like the Israelis, continues to peddle the fiction that the Camp David "autonomy" talks will soon result in a miraculous breakthrough. He should be reminded that Jordan has rejected the autonomy proposals because we do not accept the American vision of Jordan's playing the policeman's role in the West Bank and Gaza, as outlined in the Camp David framework.

What does it take for Mr. Haig, and others of his kind, to admit that the West Bank Palestinians are fighting for their freedom, uninstigated by any outside force, whether the PLO, Jordan, the Soviet Union or anyone else?

Reach out, Mr. Haig, and touch the Palestinians. They value freedom and self-respect as much as you do. Escape your fantasy world and be free yourself. Experience the wonderful feeling of having people listen to your words, instead of laughing at them.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Nationalism has not waned

AL RA'I: Arab citizens in the West Bank and Gaza and their brothers living within the walls of the alien Israeli entity are observing Land Day which proves that the ties of "Palestinian belonging" are so strong among the Palestinian people that no Israeli plots and crimes can ever undermine them.

The Land Day anniversary this year coincides with the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people against the Israeli conspiracy of the civilian administration and the suspect Village Leagues. The Israeli occupation authorities have completely failed to put an end to our people's struggle. They have also failed to stop the support offered to these people by Jordan, the country which will always continue to support our struggling kinfolk.

Undoubtedly the Land Day has proved to the Israeli aggressor that "Palestinian patriotism" can never be eradicated inside its alien entity. The Israelis fear this national Palestinian solidarity. They also fear that it will strengthen inside and outside the Israeli entity. This explains the extraordinary procedures adopted by Israel and its warning to the Arab employees in the Palestinian territories occupied in 1948 so as to prevent them from participating in any activities on Land Day.

It is clear that these procedures and threats prove that the will of the Palestinian people has defied the Israeli repression and remained firm despite oppression, crimes and terrorism imposed on them by the aggressor.

Emblem of national identity

AL DUSTOUR: The Land Day we are observing today is not an ordinary occasion. It is a nationalist Arab anniversary which comes as an important turning point in the conflict between the Arab rights and the Israeli aggression. The steadfastness of our kinfolk in the occupied territories has given the land its real status and importance in this struggle of survival between the Palestinian Arab people and the Zionist invaders. The land is a symbol of the national identity of the people.

It is good to recall that the Zionist expansionist imperialism has, since the Balfour Declaration, made its target to usurp this land, to Judaize it and establish settlements on it. The enemy has utilised all its capabilities to put its hands on Arab Lands and has been able to swallow some of the Palestinian lands by force or got them as a gift from the British Mandate. The Israeli authorities are now confiscating Arab lands to establish settlements in order to tighten its grip on all of the Palestinian territories.

Land is the centre of the conflict between the Arabs and the Zionist enemy. It is because of this that our steadfast people are struggling despite the bullets fired by the enemy at women, children and old people. The Land Day we are observing comes to highlight the solidarity which exists between the Arab inhabitants of the Palestinian territories occupied in 1948 and their brothers in the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights. This day proves that the years of oppression and occupation have not affected their will and moral.

The uprising of our people which has acclaimed international interest proves that our people are adhering to their lands and that no force could come between them and their sovereignty on their homeland.

SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

Doctors and engineers: More alarming odds

By Dr. Awn Rifai

The ministry of labour has taken a welcome measure in order to secure jobs for the unemployed in Jordan: Employment offices have been set up to assist the public to find appropriate jobs. The type of employment to be arranged, and whether it is real or disguised, is still to be seen, in particular that relevant to medical doctors and engineers.

The types of jobs that are taken up by the engineers in Jordan are varied in appearance but similar in content. Most of our engineers end up performing tasks which are non-related to their qualifications and experience, and far from being technical. Engineers in private firms who are im-

plementing technical and construction projects have the chance to work in technical fields. Most of the rest of the engineers, in the official and semi-official establishments, tend to get involved in administrative tasks, or just stay idle, although they hate to admit it.

The work in the private firms is precarious, since it is dependent on the contracts which the firm is capable of winning. The work in the official and semi-official organisations is more secure and prestige-laden but is hollow in a technical sense.

Large numbers of top-quality engineers have been forcibly diverted into private businesses or other

jobs, or have left the country altogether for more interesting and challenging careers.

Medical doctors, too, have left the country in large numbers, while some have taken up non-medical jobs. The authorities claim that there exist more doctors than the country needs; yet some of the medical facilities provided to the public are understaffed. Whilst it is claimed that there are too many engineers, our major technical and construction projects are being carried out by foreign engineers.

The training of the local engineers is not taking a proper course, and the abu-

ndance in their numbers is not being matched by the raising of their professional standards. There is hardly a single road in any city which has been constructed in a

proper manner. The engineers in our establishments are assigned odd duties which can occupy them as a pastime, or they may stay practically idle, although literally employed. Some of them are content with such a

situation, because it allows them to take up auxiliary jobs outside their establishments and thus get a dual salary. Any little amount of work they are supposed to do in their main jobs is usually assigned to their subordinates. Hence,

the increase in the number of employed engineers in a certain organisation does not necessarily imply more achievements, and although the rules in some institutions explicitly state that the undertaking of a second job,

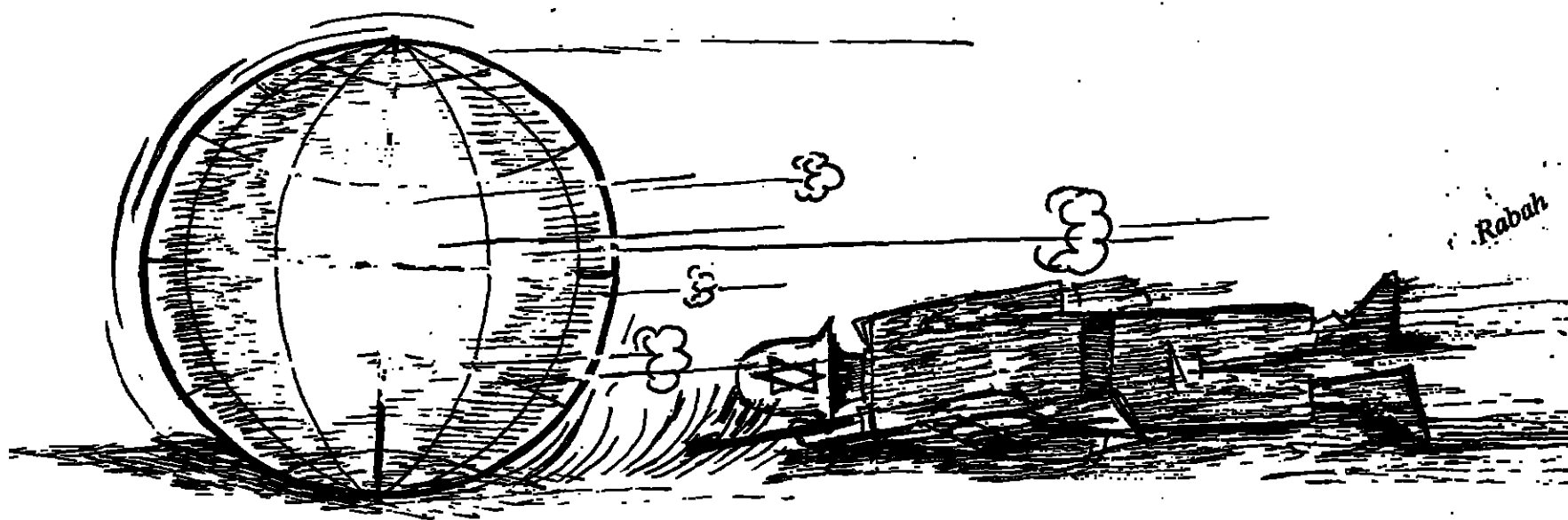
paid or unpaid, is strictly forbidden, the people in charge of these institutions turn a blind eye, since they themselves often commit the same violation. Whilst the ministry of labour is trying to provide a job opportunity for everyone, some employees are taking up more than their fair share of jobs.

The outflow of doctors, engineers, and scientists, has been accompanied by an outflow of skilled labour. If

one of them chooses to remain in the country, he is often either out of a job, or out of genuine work. At the same time, foreign engineers and labour are starting to flood the local market. Recently,

the authorities have negotiated agreements to employ drivers from abroad, to drive our buses! One wonders what the Jordanians in their own country will be actually working on in a few years' time. Our school

'leavers' might prefer to take a short cut to the top of their careers by learning how to drive a bus, rather than waste their time learning medicine or engineering and end up in idle or inappropriate jobs.



Arab contribution to civilisation

Other sciences

Concerning Arab contributions to engineering, one can look to the water wheel, cisterns, irrigation, water wells at fixed levels, and the water clock. In 860, the three sons of Musa Ibn Shakir published the *Book on Arifices* which described a hundred technical constructions. One of the earliest philosophers, Al-Kindi, wrote on specific weight, tides, light reflection and optics.

Al-Haytham (known in Europe as Alhazen) wrote a book in the tenth century on optics, *Kitab Al-Manazir*. He explored optical illusions, the rainbow, and the camera obscura (which led to the beginning of photographic instruments). He also made discoveries in atmospheric refractions (mirages and comets, for example), studied the eclipse, and laid the foundation for the later development of the microscope and the telescope. Al-Haytham did not limit himself to one branch of the sciences, but, like many of the Arab scientists and thinkers, explored and made contributions to the fields of physics, anatomy and mathematics.

Crafts

Because the ancient Arabs believed that the arts served God, they raised small scale artefacts to new levels of perfection. Glassware, ceramics, and textile weaves attest to their imagination and special skills. They covered walls and objects with intricately detailed mosaics, tiles, carvings, and paintings. Syrian beakers and rock crystals were in great demand in Renaissance Europe, and the Azulejos, the iridescent lustre pottery from the Moorish kilns in Valencia, also enjoyed great popularity. New glazing techniques were developed, and the brilliant blues took on many names. (The Chinese called them Muh-ammedan blues, and Dutch traders called them Chinese blues.)

They were masters of silk weaving, and the Arab cape worn by Sicily's King Robert II on his coronation is one of the best examples of this delicate art. Cotton muslin, Damask linen and Shiraz wool became watchwords for quality in textiles in Europe.

One considers Moroccan leather to be of particularly fine quality. The Moroccan tanners of the Middle Ages developed methods for tanning hides almost to the softness of silk, and they used vegetable dyes that retained color indefinitely. These leathers were used for book bindings, and the

gold tooling and coloured panels of the Arab style are still being produced, particularly in Venice and Florence, to the present day. The Arabs further developed that art of crucible steel forging. They hardened the steel, polished and decorated it with etchings, and produced tempered Damascus swords. Other works in metal included intricately cut brass chandeliers, ewers, salvers, jewel cases inlaid with gold and silver, and, of course, the beautifully decorated astrolabe.

Language and calligraphy
 Because God spoke to Muh-

similarities to Defoe's Robinson Crusoe. A Thousand and One Nights and Omar Khayyam's Rubaiyat are among the best loved and most widely read of Arab literature. The fascination with Arabic, following the Hellenistic period of Louis XIV, is particularly evident in Shakespeare's characterisations of the Moors (Othello and the Prince of Morocco), in Christopher Marlowe's Tamburlaine the Great, and in George Peele's The Battle of Alcazar.

Besides influencing bells letters, the Arabs developed a system of historiography called *isnad*. This

Arab shepherd, the bagpipe returned to Palestine with the British Army. This lost musical art was relearned during the period of Sir John Gubb's reorganisation and command of Jordan's colourful

concerning God's creation of the universe, the nature and destiny of the human soul, and the true existence of the seen as the unseen. Among the well-known philosophers of the medieval world

Much like America today, the Arab World of the seventh to the thirteenth centuries was a great cosmopolitan civilisation. It was an enormous unifying enterprise, one which joined the peoples of Spain and North Africa in the West with the peoples of the ancient lands of Egypt, Syria, and Mesopotamia in the east.

It was the rapid expansion of Islam that initially brought this empire together. Alliances were made, trade routes were opened, lands and people were welded into a new force. Islam provided the dynamism, but it was the Arabic language which provided the bond that held it together. Islam spread to lands more distant than North Africa and the fertile crescent, but it was in this area that a common Arab culture emerged.

To be Arab, then as now, was not to come from a particular race or lineage. To be Arab, like American, was (and is) a civilisational and a cultural trait rather than a racial mark. To be Arab meant to be from the Arabic-speaking world — a world of common traditions, customs and values — shaped by a single and unifying language.

The Arab civilisation brought together Muslims, Christians and Jews. It unified Arabians, Africans, Berbers, Egyptians, and the descendants of the Phoenicians, Canaanites, and many other peoples. This great "melting pot" was not without tensions, to be sure, but it was precisely the tension of this mixing and meeting of peoples that produced the vibrant and dynamic new civilisation, the remarkable advances of which we outline in this ADC Issues.

Arab-Americans are proud of the role which our antecedents played in the development of human civilisation. The contributions made by our people did not end with the decline of the Arab Empire in the thirteenth century; they continue to be made today. An account of the modern contributions of persons of Arabic-speaking descent — such as Danny Thomas, Ralph Nader, Helen Thomas, Dr. Michael Bakay and James Abourezk — will be the subject of a future ADC Issues.

— James Zogby

Bedouin Corps

Arab poetry was put to music in the subtle delicacy of minor key sequences and rhythm. The modes continue to influence our ballads and folk songs today. Extempore poetry was perfected into musical expression, and Arab weddings and other occasions are still celebrated with extempore versing and musical composition.

Philosophy

Arab philosophers effectively integrated faith and scientific fact, letting one exist within the framework of the other. The Arab philosophers after Byzantium re-discovered the classic philosophy of Aristotle, Plotinus, and Plato in attempting to find answers to the fundamental questions

This brief survey of Arab contributions to human civilisation was written by Mary Macron of Cleveland, Ohio. Mary, one of our first members, was proud of her Arab heritage and she sought to share it with others. She passed away in 1981. Her death has been a great loss to the Arab-American community. We are grateful to Cleveland State University's Ethnic Heritage Studies Program for allowing us to reprint Mary's essay as a tribute to her. The selection was edited for publication by David Hamoud.

In compiling "Arab Contributions to Human Civilisation," Mary Macron relied extensively on *Roun Landan's The Arab Heritage of Western Civilisation*. The prints featured in this article are taken from Landan's book.

For further reading on Arab contributions to civilisation, ADC recommends *The Genius of Arab Civilization: Source of Renaissance*, *History of the Arabs* (Philip K. Hitti), and *The Legacy of Islam* (Sir Thomas Arnold and Alfred Gudhamme).

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7:00	NEWS IN FRENCH						
7:20	NEWS IN HEBREW						
7:45	Sports From	The World of Tools	Variety	Physics	The Whys and Wherefore	Diplomat Cook	Fun with Physics
8:00	NEWS IN ARABIC						
8:30	To the Manor Born	Journal in Focus	M.A.S.H.	Benson	Astronauts	One in a Million	Love Thy Neighbour
9:00	Your Life in Their Hands	Something in Disguise	Brack Report	Take a Letter Mr. Jones	Kinvig	King's Crossing	Bless This House
9:30	Doctor	Second Chance	The Bunker	Dark Room	Documentary	Fall Guy	
10:00	NEWS IN ENGLISH						
10:15	Feature Film	Flamingo Road	Cassie and Company	Best Sellers	Dallas	Movie of the Week	Crown Court
11:05	Plus of the Month						
11:15	NEWS SUMMARY IN ARABIC						
12:00							

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9:30	Arabic Series
10:20	Soccer match
11:10	News in Arabic

CHANNEL 6

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23:45	Sports Round-up
23:50	World News
24:00	The Bridge of San Luis Rey
24:30	Top Twenty

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17:00	News Roundup: reports, opinion, analyses
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ARRIVALS:

6:30	Karachi (PIA)
8:00	Cairo (EA)
9:00	Cairo
9:40	Dhahran
9:45	Kuwait
9:50	Muscat, Dubai
9:55	Aqaba
10:10	Beirut
10:15	Abu Dhabi
11:00	Larnaca (CY)
14:50	Bucharest (Tarom)
15:30	Kuwait (KAC)
15:30	Jeddah (Saudi)
16:45	Bangkok
17:00	Cairo
17:30	Cairo (EA)
17:45	Copenhagen, Athens
18:05	Zurich (SR)
18:15	Paris (AF)
19:15	Frankfurt (LH)
20:30	Beirut
01:00	Baghdad
01:00	Cairo
01:00	The World Today
02:00	Baghdad

DEPARTURES:

3:00	Cairo
5:25	Frankfurt (LH)
6:45	Beirut
7:00	Aqaba
8:00	Karachi (PIA)

9:00	Rome (Alitalia)
9:00	Cairo (EA)
9:00	Beirut (MEA)
9:45	Athens, Amsterdam
11:30	Vienna, New York
11:45	Larnaca (CY)
11:50	Athens, Copenhagen (SK)
14:00	London
16:15	Bucharest (Tarom)
16:30	Kuwait (KAC)
18:30	Cairo (EA)
19:00	Kuwait (Swissair)
19:00	Kuwait (AF)
19:15	Dhahran
19:30	Jeddah
19:30	Cairo
19:45	Bahrain, Doha
20:15	Baghdad
21:15	Dubai, Ras Al Khaimah
22:00	Baghdad

EMERGENCIES

DOCTORS:	
Abdul Halim Al Afghani	Al (Wahdat)
Hani Haddadin	77751

Zargat:	
Ghassan Al Fajih	86432
Ghazi Al Rousan	82838/82786

Irbid:	
Zeid Jaradat	2001

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Amman:	
Naioukh	23672
Jalal Al Nuzuh	30237
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Al Razi	2081

TAXIS:	
Asfour	23230
Khalid	23715
Al Shahid	21091
Ramia	25095
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CULTURAL CENTRES

American Centre	41520
British Council	36147-8

French Cultural Centre	37009
Goethe Institute	41993
Soviet Cultural Centre	44203
Spanish Cultural Centre	24049
Turkish Cultural Centre	39777
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Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday to Friday. Closed on Saturdays. Tel. 64240.	
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CHURCHES

Church of the Annunciation

UAE dirham	95/95.3
Omani rial	1001.8/1002.7
U.S. dollar	349/351
U.K. sterling	622.2/625.9
W. German mark	144.8/145.7
Swiss franc	181.1/182.2
French franc	55.7/56
Italian lire	55.7/56

Belgian franc	76.6/77.1
Swedish crown	58.7/59.1

Ambulance (government)	75111
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Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36381-2
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Najdah roving patrol rescue police, (English spoken)	21111, 37777
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Tomatoes	130	90
Eggplant (small)	220	170
Potatoes (imported)	110	90
Marrow (small)	230	200
Marrow (large)	180	150
Cucumber (small)	330	280
Cucumber (large)	260	200
Hot Green Pepper	880	800
Sweet Pepper	600	500
Cabbage	90	70
Green onions	150	120
Spinach	100	70
Spacchi (piece)	330	280
Beans	650	550
Bananas	260	200
Bananas (Mukammal)	225	180
Peas	350	300
Garlic	660	600
Green Almonds per 1/2 pounds	170	120

(Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh 37440	
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Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman 23585	
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Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh 71331	

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Fajr	4:01
Sunrise	5:25
Dhuhr	11:41
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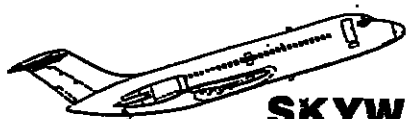
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19 countries so far confirm women's softball attendance

TAIPEI (R) — Only 19 of the 46 invited countries have so far confirmed they will attend the controversial Women's International Softball Championship in Taiwan, and officials here Tuesday accused China of organising a boycott.

A spokesman for the Taiwan organising committee said that telex or telephone confirmation had been received for 10 teams from Central and South America, three teams from Europe, three from Oceania, two from Asia and one from Africa. He declined to name the countries.

The International Softball Federation (ISF) has set a March 31 deadline for registering to compete.

China has protested to the ISF for allowing Taiwan to fly its flag and play its national anthem at the tournament, scheduled to be held from July 2 to 11.

China regards Taiwan, the seat of the nationalist Chinese government since 1949, as a break-away province.

Explosive Tottenham, Arsenal clash ends in draw

LONDON (R) — Alan Sunderland and Chris Hughton were sent off and four others booked as Arsenal lost a two-goal lead and drew an explosive away clash against London rivals Tottenham Monday night.

Arsenal striker Sunderland and Tottenham defender Hughton were dismissed for fighting seven minutes from time.

Soccer federation president praises 24-team World Cup

BUDAPEST, Hungary (A.P.) — International Soccer Federation President Joao Havelange voiced support for the 24-sided World Cup format Sunday, calling it an "excellent idea."

"It's an excellent thing that should not ever be abandoned," he said during a press conference at a Budapest hotel.

Havelange also denied reports of the federation receiving notification that Colombia was stepping down as the scheduled host of the 1986 World Cup championship.

The federation adopted a new championship format in 1978, increasing the number of competitors from 16 to 24 teams.

This year's World Cup championship, to be held in Spain in June, will mark the first time the 24-team format is used.

Stevenson of Cuba back on course to retain world title

HAVANA (R) — Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba, three times Olympic heavyweight boxing champion, believes he is back on course to retain his world amateur title after being injured in a car crash a year ago.

Stevenson, 30, the world's outstanding amateur boxer for the past 10 years, damaged his spine at the base of the neck in an accident last spring and wore a plaster neck support until October when he resumed training.

He returned to the ring two weeks ago in a tournament in Halle, East Germany, where he was disqualified for landing a low blow in the first round of the final against East German Ulli Kaden.

But Stevenson, who has consistently resisted offers which would have earned him a fortune in the professional ring, was back at his brilliant best when he returned to Havana to box in the annual Cordova Cardin tournament.

"I feel fine, I'm in good shape and I think I can win another title."

at the world championships in Munich in May," he said in an interview.

Stevenson won the heavyweight titles at the previous world championships in Havana in 1974 and Belgrade in 1978. He also took the 1972, 1976 and 1980 Olympic gold medals.

Stevenson scored a unanimous points win over Sergei Keritulin in the final of the Cordova Cardin tournament after enduring two shaky moments against his tough Soviet opponent.

A solid punch on the jaw left him groggy at the end of the second round but he came back in the third, survived another near-knockdown and booked and jabbed his way to victory.

It was the 211th win of a career in which he has been beaten only 11 times.

Last year's car crash was not the first accident to interrupt Stevenson's boxing career. In 1977 he spent two weeks in hospital after being burned while lighting a stove.

Changes in Masters tennis tournament announced

NEW YORK (R) — Organisers of the Grand Prix Masters tennis tournament, which will be staged here next January, announced a revamped event with the field increased and the format changed.

A field of 12, four more than in the past, will compete in the Masters which marks the climax of the 1982 men's Grand Prix circuit and a knockout competition will replace the old system of two round-robin groups.

The revised system will prevent players deliberately losing matches after qualifying from their round-robin groups for the semifinal.

"This new format... offers the fans the drama of seeing the players' chances of continuing in the competition on the line in every match," said tournament director Ray Benton.

The four players who head the Grand Prix standings at the end of the year will receive byes through the first round.

The doubles has also been revamped with the number of pairs raised from four to six, two receiving first-round byes.

The 1982 Grand Prix circuit offers \$17 million in prize money for 88 tournaments, including Wimbledon and the U.S. and French Opens.



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Guess what all it takes to be a celebrity

By Suzanne Thomas

Being famous is not all parties and fun. It takes a lot of determination and hard work to get there... and even more to stay there. Do this quiz to see if you have the celebrity sparkle you need to be a star.

1. You have had a violent row with your partner, but you have to attend a party together. Do you:

- A) Aim the champagne corks at their face?
- B) Keep away from each other?
- C) Smile sweetly... until you get home?

2. A shady bit of your past has come to light. Do you:

- A) Deny it?
- B) Admit it?
- C) Ignore it?

3. When something traumatic happens, do you:

- A) Hibernate for a week?
- B) Put a brave face on?
- C) Make a scene everywhere you go?

4. You walk into a party to be greeted by silence and a mass of staring faces. Do you:

- A) Walk out again?
- B) Smile and say something witty?
- C) Stink towards the nearest drink?

5. Do you exercise and diet:

- A) Never?
- B) In short-lived bursts?
- C) All the time?

6. Do you think you are:

- A) Better than most people?
- B) Worst than most people?
- C) About the same as everyone else?

7. You really want that job, but so do 10 others. Do you:

- A) Spread rumours about the opposition?
- B) Withdraw your application?
- C) Just try your best?

8. Your accountant agent/lawyer wants you to sign a contract. Do you:

- A) Sign — they know best?
- B) Read it thoroughly before putting pen to paper?
- C) Have a second opinion?

9. You want to change your career. Do you:

- A) Start at the beginning and work up?
- B) Bribe someone to give you a job?
- C) Carry on dreaming?

10. A television crew are filming at the end of your road. Do you:

- A) Take a detour?
- B) Go to watch them in action?
- C) Make a deadline for the camera?

11. You have been offered a plum job — but it means moving away from your family and friends. Do you:

- A) Start packing?
- B) Spend weeks in agonising decision-making?
- C) Regretfully decline?

12. You have an almost-impossible deadline to meet. Do you:

- A) Down tools — it is not even worth starting?
- B) Break the limits of human potential and get it done?
- C) Work steadily but refuse to knock yourself out?

13. You have to attend an important meeting in the evening — but it is drinks all round at lunch-time. Do you:

Do you exercise every day? If you row on the way to a party do you aim champagne corks at your partner or smile convincingly? Do this quiz to find out if you have got what it takes to live in the public eye.

- A) Abstain completely?
- B) Get roaring drunk?
- C) Just make sure you stay in control?

14. Does the idea of international travel:

- A) Excite you?
- B) Frighten you?
- C) Bore you?

15. At a disco, your favourite record comes on — but the dance floor is empty. Do you:

- A) Tap your feet?
- B) Get dancing?
- C) Grab a friend to dance with you?

16. You are on your way to an important interview when you see someone being attacked in the street. Would you:

- A) Stop and help?
- B) Phone the police when you get to the interview?
- C) Feel sure that someone else will help?

17. At a job interview it had been hinted that your success depends on your getting more than friendly with the boss. Do you:

- A) Grin and bare it?
- B) Try to get out of it without losing the job?
- C) Storm out?

18. A movie producer "discovers" you and asks you to be in his new film. Would you prefer to play:

- A) The star?
- B) The villain?
- C) An extra?

19. At a "live" show, the compere needs a volunteer from the audience. Do you:

- A) Cower under the seat?
- B) Leap forward?
- C) Sit tight and leave it to fate?

20. How important is privacy:

- A) Very?
- B) Not at all?
- C) Quite?

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SCORE	(A)	(B)	(C)
1.	0	5	10
2.	0	5	10
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20.	0	10	5

140-200: If you are not a celebrity already, you will not have long to wait. You have that potent mixture of determination, confidence and flair that gets people to the top — and keeps them there.

You revel in attention and the sense of achievement. But there is a ruthless streak that could mean stardom will cost you friendship.

70-135: If you really wanted to be a star, you probably could be successful. When you are determined enough, you usually get what you want, because you are confident and hard-working.

But do you want fame? Not really. You would like to be important and admired — but not that important.

Friends and fun are more important to you than fame.

0-65: If you dream about co-starring with a sexy screen idol... keep on dreaming. There is not an ounce of star quality about you.

You are much too shy and worried about what others think of you to parade yourself in the public eye. It is not a bad thing to be content with hum-drum normality. It means you can admire the stars from afar and stay cosy and content in your own little world.

And that is just what suits you.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

1981 by Chicago Tribune

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♦ Q832
♥ 432
♦ J76
♠ AK2

WEST EAST
♦ KJ5 ♥ Void
♥ J ♠ K109876
♦ A1054 ♦ K9832
♠ J10975 ♣ 64

SOUTH
♦ A109764
♥ A Q5
♦ Q
♠ Q83

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 3 ♥ 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass Dble
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Jack of ♣.

The opening lead of the jack of hearts was won by declarer's queen. The ace of trumps confirmed the 3-0 split, and it was tempting to lead another trump and so limit West's trump tricks to one. But declarer realized that that would be fatal. West would win and lead a diamond to his partner, and a high heart return would allow West to ruff away declarer's ace. That would complete the defensive book, and declarer would still have to lose a heart.

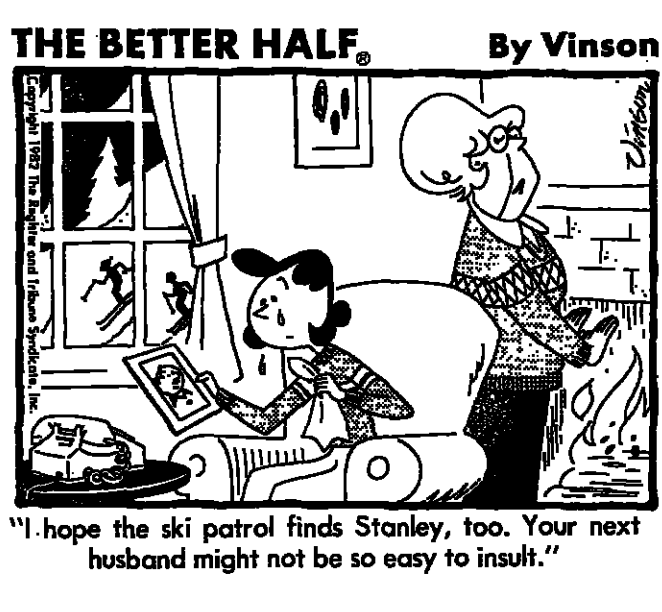
Declarer found a simple but effective counter. Before playing a second spade, he played three rounds of clubs. This farsighted play had a dramatic effect on the outcome of the hand.

West won the second trump and underled his ace of diamonds. East took the king and duly returned the king of hearts. West achieved one of his goals when he was able to ruff declarer's ace of hearts, but declarer's club plays had stripped West of safe exit cards!

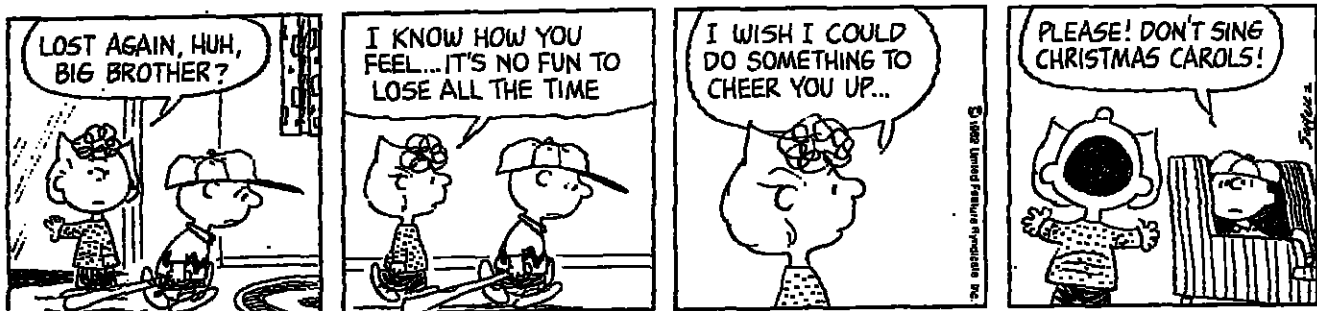
West was left with nothing but minor-suit cards. If he exited with a club, he would be presenting declarer with a ruff-and-suff. Any diamond would allow declarer to get a heart discard on the jack of diamonds, either immediately or later. Thus declarer avoided his "sure" heart loser and the doubled game was made.

In bridge, as in life, some things are inevitable. The best you can do is to try to minimize the damage or, perhaps, gain a standoff.

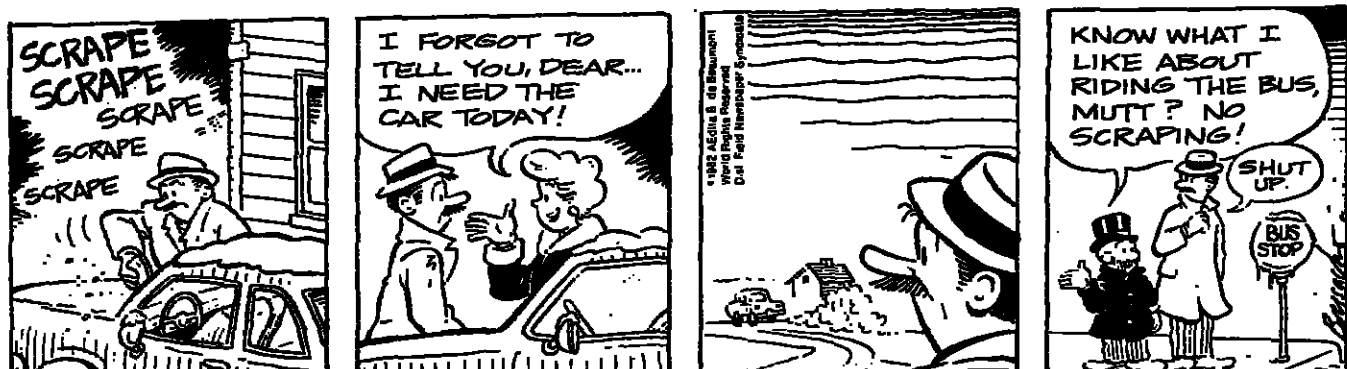
East took advantage of the vulnerability for a somewhat irregular preempt. But South was not about to be shut out of the auction, and North was full value for his raise to game. West thought he was looking at three sure tricks, so he chose to make a rather doubtful double.



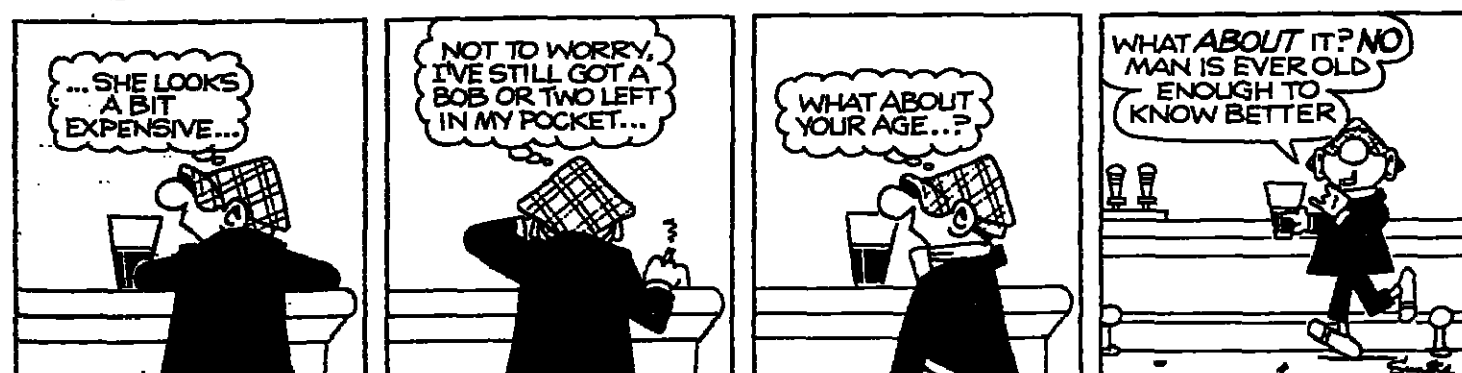
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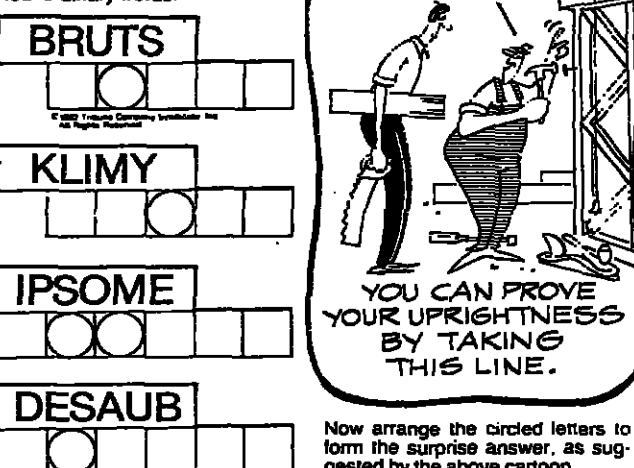


Andy Capp



JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Print answer here: _____ (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: UPPER NOBLE FASTEN TROPHY
Answer: How to stop someone from talking in the back of the car—PUT HER IN THE FRONT

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, MAR. 31, 1982

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Upsets that occur today can work out much to your satisfaction in the long run, so don't be disturbed by delays and obstacles. Let conditions work themselves out to your benefit.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Obtain all the information you can that's connected with new projects you have in mind. Then you will know how to proceed.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You may want to make some changes now in dealings you have with others, so discuss them sensibly with them.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Listen to the views of associates for future benefits and cooperate more with them. Travel with utmost care.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can easily get rid of a pesky problem if you start doing something about it instead of procrastinating.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Avoid one who is detrimental to your best interests. Plan how to make your talents work more efficiently.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Try to understand those at home better and have more harmony there. Engage in outside activities and become more affluent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Improve relations with allies by having serious talks with them. Plan your day better and you have more free time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Delve into important work ahead of you instead of wasting time on less important matters. Be more helpful to others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be sure that business affairs are running smoothly before seeking recreation. Be more optimistic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Go after the personal goals that most appeal to you and gain them easily. Handle business affairs wisely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Listening to what good friends have to say can bring you more success now. Plan how to gain your finest aims.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You can have big advancement through the unexpected today so be alert at all times. Strive for increased happiness.

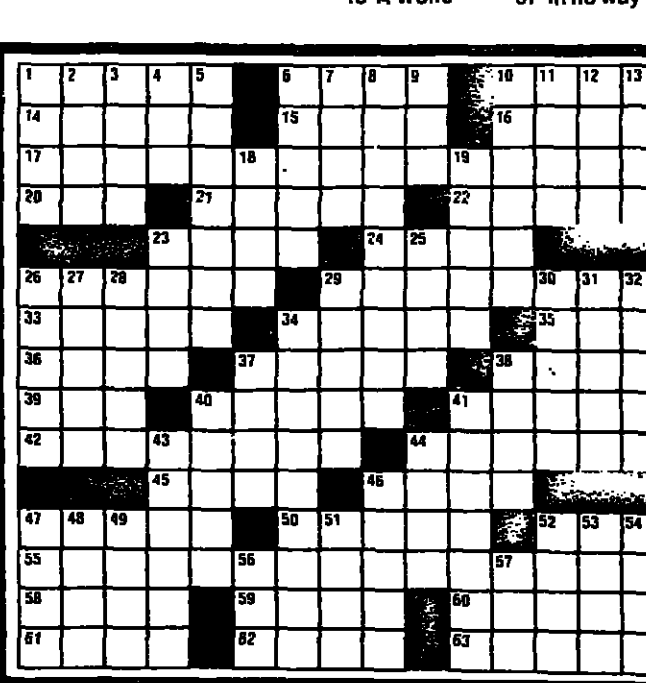
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Salvador rightists declare alliance to form government

SAN SALVADOR (R) — National attention in El Salvador switched Tuesday from the guerrilla war to party politics after a declaration by the right-wing opposition that it hopes to form the next government.

The five right-wing parties issued a manifesto Monday night pledging a government of national unity after it became clear the co-ruling Christian Democrats would not win an overall majority in controversial elections last Sunday.

Unofficial projections with about half the votes counted gave President Jose Napoleon Duarte's Christian Democrats 24 seats in the 60-seat constituent assembly. The declaration of the opposition, led by the ultra-right nationalist republican alliance (Arena), virtually ensured that the next president of this small Central American country will emerge from their ranks.

The centre-right Christian Democrats and the military have ruled El Salvador for the past two years, angering the right by introducing reforms aimed at undercutting support for leftist guerrillas who tried to wreck the elections.

The constituent assembly, which will choose an interim president, looks certain to be dominated by the opposition which is expected to put forward its candidate within a week.

The United States had backed Mr. Duarte, though senior U.S. officials here for the election have said their government will support any freely elected Salvadorean administration, providing it follows moderate reformist policies.

The opposition document signed by the party leaders said: "We declare that these parties, while maintaining their own identities, will try to form a government of national unity."

No details of future programmes were given, but the parties extolled the free enterprise system and said their government would be free from any form of Communist system.

Arena is the natural leader of the rightist alliance as it looks like winning 18 seats, but no mention was made of proposing party leader Roberto D'Aubuisson as president.

Mr. D'Aubuisson is a former military intelligence officer whose extremist views once prompted the United States to refuse him an entry visa as an undesirable alien.

The guerrillas refused to recognise the elections and insisted the polls were a farce because they did not have the true participation of the people.

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Fonda, Hepburn win Oscar awards

LOS ANGELES (R) — Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn, both in their seventies, led an old age invasion of the Hollywood Oscar ceremony Monday night to take the best actor and actress awards.

It was also a night of triumph for Britain, with "Chariots of Fire" winning the Oscar for best film and Sir John Gielgud being voted best supporting actor.

"Chariots of Fire," which tells the true story of two runners in the Paris Olympics in 1924, captured four Oscars, equalled only by the action-packed "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Fonda, a 76-year-old grandfather who is confined to his home with serious heart trouble, finally won his first Oscar for his role as the grumpy but vulnerable old man facing death in "On Golden Pond."

Accepting the award for her father before the star-studded audience of 3,000 and an estimated 300 million television viewers, Jane Fonda—who also played his daughter in the film—exclaimed: "Oh, dad I'm so happy. I'm proud."

Manila concerned over typhoon

MANILA (A.P.) — The Philippine cabinet Tuesday asked President Ferdinand E. Marcos to declare a state of calamity in six provinces ravaged by Typhoon Nelson, which flattened 17,000 houses and killed at least 52 persons.

Forty-one people were reported missing in the wake of the off-season typhoon which battered the central and southern regions last weekend, triggering landslides and waist-deep floods and wreaking heavy damage on agricultural crops.

Relief agencies told a cabinet meeting presided over by Prime Minister Cesar Virata a total of 49,042 families, consisting of 290,913 persons, were in need of relief, a government announcement said.

Besides blowing down 17,000 houses, Nelson's 185-kilometre-per-hour centre winds partially damaged 24,000 other houses, the cabinet was told.

A state of calamity proclamation, which only the president can issue, would prohibit the sale of certain commodities, such as foodstuffs and construction materials, beyond prices fixed by the government.

Senate committee rejects Reagan's MX programme

WASHINGTON (R) — The Senate Armed Services Committee has rejected President Reagan's plans for the production and location of the controversial MX nuclear missile, congressional sources said.

The sources said the committee voted Monday in secret to reject Mr. Reagan's proposal to base 40 of the powerful and accurate new missiles temporarily in existing Minuteman missile silos.

With committee Chairman John Tower, an influential Texas Republican behind the move, it appeared almost inevitable that pentagon planners will be forced back to the drawing board again to seek an acceptable plan for basing the missile.

The sources said the panel followed a recommendation by its strategic weapons subcommittee which voted last week to cut from the 1983 budget \$700 million requested for the interim basing plan and \$1.5 billion the president sought to begin production of the missile next year.

Mr. Tower and other committee members say they do not oppose the new missile but are determined not to fund the programme fully until a permanent basing scheme is devised to give it a good chance of surviving a surprise nuclear strike by the Soviet Union.

Policeman shot in Belfast

BELFAST (A.P.) — Gunmen shot and critically injured a policeman Tuesday as he drove into an ambush in predominantly Roman Catholic West Belfast, police reported. The attack took place about half a kilometre from where Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas shot to death three British army soldiers last Thursday.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Tuesday's attack, but police said they suspected IRA gunmen.

The policeman, whose name was not disclosed, suffered multiple gunshot wounds when attackers opened fire on him as he turned his car in the staunchly Roman Catholic Springfield Road area of the city. Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) Sgt. Albert Matcchett said. He said the policeman was rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery.

Sgt. Matcchett said the shooting was "very likely" the work of the IRA, which is fighting to oust British troops from Northern Ireland, torn by sectarian feuding since 1969, and unite the Protestant-dominated province with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic to the south.

At about the same time as the attack, mourners gathered in Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second-largest city, for the funeral of another RUC officer shot to death Sunday.

Inspector Norman Duddy was gunned down as he left church with his two teenage sons. He was being buried in the church's cemetery. The IRA claimed responsibility for the shooting.

W. Germany starts work on proposed missile sites

BONN (R) — Work has begun on West German sites for U.S. Pershing II and Cruise missiles which NATO will deploy next year if the Soviet Union fails to remove SS-20 rockets from its Western European border, a foreign ministry spokesman said Tuesday.

Details on the work remained confidential but government sources indicated it involved geological tests necessary to build bunkers and other elements of site "infrastructure."

News of the move came after Chancellor Helmut Schmidt publicly reinforced his determination to deploy the U.S.-built missiles if the Soviet Union does not dismantle its SS-20 rockets.

Mr. Schmidt, who spoke to Swedish Television in advance of a visit from Swedish Premier Thorbjörn Fälldin this week, said Monday the Soviet Union "has armed incredibly and this armament frightens me, gives me great concern. For more than half a decade, this has given me great concern."

Should U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva to limit European nuclear arms break down, he warned, "America will station (missiles) here. This certainly gives me certainty that the talks are being conducted seriously. I would not like to depart from that."

Mr. Schmidt described Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's announcement earlier this month of a moratorium on deployment of SS-20s west of the Ural mountains as "a very interesting gesture," but one that should have been made at the negotiating table.

Western experts estimate the missiles west of the Urals can strike any target as far west as Greenland and would reach most of Western Europe even if moved behind the mountain range.

Mr. Schmidt frequently has expressed his personal concern over Soviet military might since the emergence last year of a vocal West German peace movement opposed to new U.S. and Soviet missiles in Europe.

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Sir John Gielgud won his first Oscar at the age of 77 for his portrayal of the caustic but protective valet of Dudley Moore in the comedy "Arthur."

A mere 56-year-old, Maureen Stapleton—the only one of the four to accept her Oscar personally—was voted best supporting actress for her role as the tough-talking anarchist Emma Goldman in "Reds," which depicts the Russian revolution.

But it was the Britons in the audience who had the biggest smiles. David Puttnam, producer of "Chariots of Fire" was almost tongue-tied with astonishment when he was called to receive the Oscar for best film.

Reds had also been nominated for 12 Oscars, but managed to pick up only three. Asked if he felt the fact his film dealt with communism may have prevented it being voted best film, Beatty replied: "It may well have."

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N. Korea rejects Seoul request to open talks

TOKYO (R) — North Korea has dismissed South Korea's latest request for high-level talks in preparation for a summit between the leaders of the divided nation, the North Korean central news agency reported.

It said the official newspaper Rodong Sinmun carried a commentary, headed "Dog barking at the moon," as the first reaction to Seoul's renewed proposal last Friday for talks this month in Seoul Pyongyang or Panmunjom.

The South Korean government originally urged North Korea on Feb. 25 to hold talks on a summit between South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan and North Korean President Kim Il-sung which would aim to normalise bilateral relations.

"We drummed into the ears of Chun Doo-hwan and company that they are not worthy of having any dealing with us. Why are they talking nonsense again? This is indeed a dog barking at the moon," the agency quoted Rodong Sinmun as saying.